

and two motor sleds. Only 25 men are understood to have accompanied Scott on the final stages of the dash for the pole.

When Scott left England, he did not know he was to have a rival. But when he dropped an

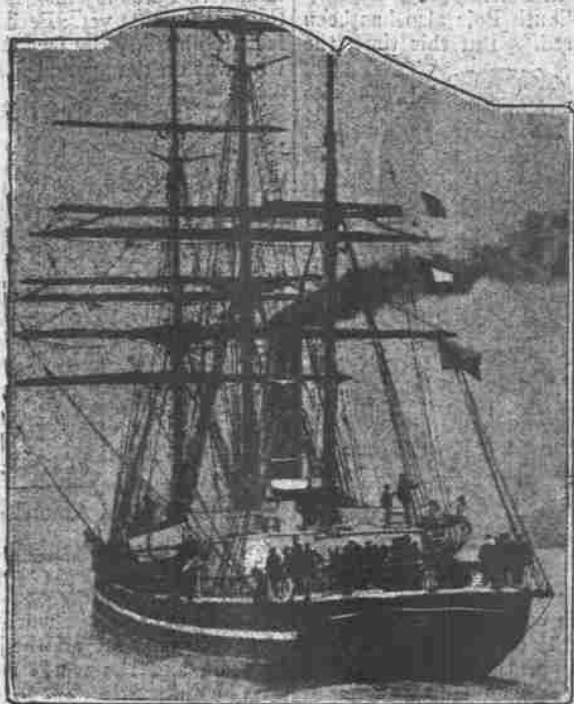
"Are you going to try for the pole?" he asked.

"Yes," said Scott.

"So am I," said Amundsen.

"I'm going to beat you to it—if I can."

And then they both wished



Scott's Boat, the "Terra Nova."

chor in McMurdo Sound he found Amundsen, most famous of the Norwegian explorers and discoverer of the Northwest Passage and the magnetic pole.

Amundsen came over to see Scott

each other luck, and the race was on, a race that could end only in victory for one or the other of them, and for the world, in the discovery of the last point in the earth's surface still to be found.

And now Amundsen is back—